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1. The reply filed on 3/17/2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The status identifier for claim 9 in the amendment filed 3/17/2003 is not in compliance with the revised format set forth in "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted", Off. Gaz. Pat. Office, February 25, 2003. It is noted that there are only 11 status identifiers permitted for the claims as set forth in the guidelines for the revised amendment format. The status identifier for claim 9 should read as "Currently amended" and not as "4th Amendment". See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to examiner Susy Tsang-Foster, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (703) 305-0588. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Ryan can be reached at (703) 308-2383. The phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-5900.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Susan Tsang Foster". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.